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SUBJECT: TANZANIA WILL NOT ATTEND OAU SUMMIT; DENOUNCES OAU  
HYPOCRISY

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 2577 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: CONTRARY TO WHAT FONMIN MALECELA TOLD US  
JULY 19 (REFTEL), TANZANIA IS NOT SENDING A DELEGATION  
TO KAMPALA OAU SUMMIT. END SUMMARY.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE JULY 24 BY MALECELA HIMSELF,  
WHEN, ADDRESSING A GROUP OF STUDENTS, HE SAID THAT HOLDING  
OAU MEETING IN KAMPALA IMPLIED OAU SANCTIONING AND CONDONING  
OF AMIN'S MURDERS IN UGANDA. IN ADDITION TO FIGHTING FOR VICTIMS  
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OF COLONIALISM, OAU SHOULD ALSO BE USED TO BRING ABOUT

DIGNITY IN INDEPENDENT AFRICAN COUNTRIES, AND THIS COULD NOT BE THE CASE WHERE IT WAS POSSIBLE TO HANG 1,000 PEOPLE AND GET AWAY WITH IT BECAUSE IT WAS AN "INTERNAL AFFAIR".

3. HE WENT ON TO STATE THAT REFUSAL TO ATTEND KAMPALA SUMMIT IN NO WAY IMPLIED THAT TANZANIA WAS BOYCOTTING OAU, OF WHICH IT WOULD REMAIN A STAUNCH SUPPORTER. MOREOVER, TANZANIA HAD NOT SOUGHT TO PRESSURE OTHER COUNTRIES ON ATTENDANCE AT KAMPALA, BUT HAD DELAYED ITS OWN ANNOUNCEMENT UNTIL OTHERS HAD MADE UP THEIR OWN MINDS.

4. TANZANIA'S POSITION WAS PUT FORWARD EVEN MORE STRONGLY IN LENGTHY "GOVERNMENT STATEMENT" GIVEN FRONT PAGE TREATMENT BY JULY 26 PRESS, IN WHICH OAU IS VIGOROUSLY ATTACKED FOR ITS HYPOCRISY OF CONDEMNING CRIMES OF COLONIALISM WHILE REMAINING SILENT OVER CRIMES COMMITTED BY SOME INDEPENDENT AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS.

". . . WHEN MASSACRES, OPPRESSION AND TORTURE ARE USED AGAINST AFRICANS IN INDEPENDENT STATES OF AFRICA THERE IS NO PROTEST FROM ANYWHERE IN AFRICA. THERE IS SILENCE EVEN WHEN SUCH CRIMES ARE PERPETRATED BY OR WITH THE CONNIVANCE OF AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS AND THE LEADERS OF AFRICAN STATES." THIS STATEMENT NOTES THAT OCCASIONALLY AN INDIVIDUAL AFRICAN LEADER MAKES SOME MUTED CRITICISM OF SUCH CRIMES, OR A FEW STATES TEMPORARILY WITHDRAW THEIR FRIENDSHIP AFTER "A PARTICULARLY BLATANT ACT OF MURDER OR OPPRESSION", "BUT", IT CONTINUES, " THE OAU NEVER MAKES ANY PROTEST OR CRITICISM AT ALL. IT IS ALWAYS SILENT. IT IS MADE TO APPEAR THAT AFRICANS LOSE THEIR RIGHT TO PROTEST AGAINST STATE-ORGANIZED BRUTALITY ON THE DAY THAT THEIR COUNTRY BECOMES INDEPENDENT THROUGH THEIR EFFORTS. FOR ON ALL SUCH MATTERS THE OAU ACTS LIKE A TRADE UNION OF THE CURRENT HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT, WITH SOLIDARITY REFLECTED IN SILENCE IF NOT IN OPEN SUPPORT OF EACH OTHER."

5. CITING AMIN'S CRIMES, INCLUDING ICJ REPORT ON THEM, STATEMENT REITERATES TANZANIA'S DECISION NOT TO ATTEND KAMPALA SUMMIT AND OTHER POINTS CONTAINED IN MALECELA'S EARLIER REMARKS, ADDING THAT "TANZANIA CANNOT ACCEPT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PARTICIPATING IN THE MOCKERY OF CONDEMNING COLONIALISM, APARTHEID, AND FASCISM IN THE HEADQUARTERS OF A MURDERER, AN OPPRESSOR, A BLACK FASCIST AND A SELF-CONFESSED ADMIRER  
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OF FASCISM." STATEMENT CONCLUDED THAT TANZANIA "IS NOT WITHDRAWING FROM THE OAU NOR REDUCING ITS SUPPORT FOR THE OAU. ON THE CONTRARY, TANZANIA WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO HELP THE ORGANIZATION RECOVER FROM THE DAMAGE IT WILL BE DOING TO ITSELF IN THE COMING WEEK."

6. PRESS PROMISES PHOTOGRAPHS OF "AMIN'S ATROCITIES" FOR SUNDAY PAPERS.

7. OAU DECISION SEEK EXPULSION OF ISRAEL FROM UN REPORTED WITHOUT COMMENT.

8. COMMENT: "GOVERNMENT STATEMENT", WHICH CERTAINLY REFLECTS BY NYERERE'S THOUGHTS AND LANGUAGE, IS ONE OF THE MOST REFRESHING FOREIGN POLICY STATEMENTS TO COME FROM TANGOV IN SOME YEARS. IT DOES NOT SEEM LIKELY THAT IT REFLECTS REAL VIEWS OF FONMIN MALECELA, EVEN THOUGH HE MADE ORIGINAL ANNOUNCEMENT. WE NOTE HOWEVER, THAT DIRECTOR OF FONMIN AFRICA DIVISION, MWASAKAFYUKA, PRIVATELY EXPRESSED VIEWS VERY SIMILAR TO STATEMENT SOME MONTHS AGO, INCLUDING CONCEPT OF OAU AS SELF-PROTECTIVE TRADE UNION FOR AFRICAN CHIEFS OF GOVERNMENT.

9. ADMITTEDLY, TANZANIA HAS TAKEN THIS PROUD MORAL STAND JUST WHEN THE NATION WHOSE CRIMES ARE BEING DENOUNCED WITH SUCH FERVOR HAPPENS TO BE A SELF-PROCLAIMED MORTAL ENEMY OF TANZANIA. AND EVEN IN MAKING THIS GENERAL STATEMENT CONDEMNING THE CRIMES OF AFRICANS AGAINST AFRICANS, TANGOV CITES ONLY UGANDA BY NAME, THOUGH A NUMBER OF OTHER EXAMPLES WOULD SEEM EASY ENOUGH TO FIND. IT THEREFORE REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER THIS NEW MORAL STANCE WILL OUTLAST THE KAMPALA SUMMIT, OR WHETHER TANZANIA WILL REVERT TO THE PRACTICE IT NOW CONDEMNS OF REMAINING SILENT ON CRIMES COMMITTED BY INDEPENDENT AFRICAN NATIONS WHILE WAXING ELOQUENT OVER THOSE SUPPOSEDLY COMMITTED BY "IMPERIALISTS, COLONIALISTS AND NEO-COLONIALISTS". IT REMAINS EVEN MORE IN DOUBT WHETHER TANGOV WILL GENERALIZE ITS NEW-FOUND OBJECTIVITY IN COMMENTING ON ACTIONS OF COMMUNIST GOVERNMENTS IN EUROPE OR ASIA.

10 THERE IS MUCH LANGUAGE IN THIS STATEMENT, HOWEVER, WHICH MAY BE USEFUL TO KEEP IN MIND AND OF WHICH TANGOV MAY NEED TO CONFIDENTIAL

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